

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated. A complete set of the claims is included below, reflecting added subject matter (*underlining*) and deleted subject matter (*strikethrough*), as well as the current status of each claim. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing application software between portable computer systems, the method comprising:

demarking files on a first portable computer system by a first user, the demarking indicating that the demarked files are available for downloading by a second portable computer system by a second user, wherein the files are executable files; and

automatically transferring, from the first portable computer system to the second portable computer system, summary information with respect to the demarked files when the first portable computer system and the second portable computer system are within a communication range according to a communication protocol, said summary information consisting of descriptive information associated with said demarked files, the descriptive information being devoid of the demarked files;

displaying at least a portion of the transferred summary information at the second portable computer system;

selecting, via a user interface, at least a subset of the demarked files from the displayed portion of the transferred summary information at the second handheld computer system;

receiving, at the second portable computer system, a download of the selected ones of the demarked files from at least one of the first portable computer system and a third computer system in response to the selecting via the user interface at the second portable computer system; and

wherein at least one of the selected ones of the demarked files are executable files to be executed at the second portable computer system.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein communications between the first portable computer system and the second portable computer system are direct.

50. (Canceled)

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the selecting via the user interface further comprises touching an area of a display screen of the second portable computer system.

52. (Canceled)

53. (Canceled)

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the executable files include one or more application files that have limited functionality or limited time of use.

55. (Previously Presented) A portable computer system comprising:

a bus;

a processor coupled to the bus;

a wireless transceiver coupled to the bus for transferring information to other computer systems; and

a memory coupled to the bus, wherein the handheld computer system is configured to:

store demarked files, the demarked files being demarked by a first user and being available for downloading to a second portable computer system by a second user, and

automatically transfer, to the second portable computer system, summary information with respect to the demarked files when the second handheld computer system is within a communication range of the portable computer system according to a communication protocol, said summary information consisting of descriptive information associated with said demarked files, the descriptive information being devoid of the demarked files;

wherein at least one of the handheld computer system and a third computer system is configured to download selected ones of the demarked files to the second portable computer system in response to receiving a download request from the second portable computer system; and

wherein at least one of the selected ones of the demarked files are executable files to be executed at the second handheld computer system.

56. (Previously Presented) The portable computer system of claim 55, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

57. (Previously Presented) The portable computer system of claim 56, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.

58. (Previously Presented) The portable computer system of claim 56, wherein the portable computer system is configured to communicate directly with the second portable computer system.

59. (Canceled)

60. (Canceled)

61. (Previously Presented) The portable computer system of claim 55, wherein the executable files include one or more application files that have limited functionality or limited time of use.

62-69. (Canceled)

70. (Previously Presented) A portable computer system comprising:
means for storing demarked files, the demarked files being demarked by a first user and being available for downloading to a portable handheld computer system by a second user, and
means for automatically transferring, to the second portable computer system, summary information with respect to the demarked files when the second portable computer system is within a communication range of the portable computer system according to a communication protocol, said summary information consisting of descriptive information associated with said demarked files, the descriptive information being devoid of the demarked files;

means for downloading selected ones of the demarked files to the second portable computer system in response to receiving a download request from the second portable computer system; and

wherein at least one of the selected ones of the demarked files to be downloaded by the means for downloading selected ones of the demarked files are executable files to be executed at the second portable computer system.

71. (Previously Presented) The portable computer system of claim 70, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

72. (Previously Presented) The portable computer system of claim 71, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.

73. (Previously Presented) The portable computer system of claim 71, further comprising:

means for communicating directly with the second portable computer system.

74. (Canceled)

75. (Canceled)

76. (Previously Presented) The portable computer system of claim 70, wherein executable files include one or more application files that have limited functionality or limited time of use.

77. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing application software between computer systems, the method comprising:

demarking files on a first computer system by a first user, the demarking indicating that the demarked files are available for downloading from the first computer system, wherein the demarked files are executable files; ~~and~~

automatically transferring, from the first computer system to a second computer system, descriptive information associated with the demarked files, the descriptive information being devoid of the demarked files, when the first computer system enters into communication with the second computer system;

displaying the descriptive information at the second computer system;

selecting, via a user interface, at least a subset of the demarked files from the displayed portion of the descriptive information at the second computer system;

receiving, at the second computer system, a download of the selected ones of the demarked files from at least one of the first computer system and a third computer system in response to selecting via the user interface at the second computer system; and

wherein at least one of the selected ones of the demarked files are executable files to be executed at the second computer system.

78. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 77, wherein the first and second computer systems enter into communication automatically when they are positioned within a communication range.